

after the conclusion of these comments, go to your national TV network at 10:15. The President, the leader of our country will address this Nation. This speech is historical. It is imminently important. It is imminently important for all of us to watch that.

I am sorry to interrupt the gentleman.

Mr. BRADY of Texas. I appreciate your leadership, and I think you have really concluded on the right note at the right time.

We are facing history in a war that is so unique. It is unlike any other. I think what some people do not understand is that the international community has ranked those nations around the world who are the champions of state-sponsored terrorism, and have for many years. Of those countries, Iraq has topped that list for many, many years. Their ability and willingness to allow training of terrorists to occur, to allow financing of terrorists to occur, to allow safe haven and transit and medical treatment to those terrorists around the world all place them in a unique situation.

I will tell you that this past weekend we remembered the victims of Saddam Hussein's terrible chemical weapons attack on the people of Halabja, a city in northern Iraq, and other village attacks in the Al-Anfal campaign.

On March 6, 1988, 15 years ago, the Iraqi Air Force dropped a devastating mix of mustard and nerve gas on citizens in this city. Five thousand of Hussein's own people were killed immediately at his hand, several thousand died later, and an estimated 10,000 people were maimed and still are suffering the effects of this attack. If you wonder if this gentleman is capable of launching an attack, if not today, in the future as he grows stronger, all we need to do is look at his attack on his own people.

With this, I will conclude. I understand that the President's spokesman, Ari Fleischer, has just announced the disarmament of Iraq has begun. The President will address the Nation at 10:15.

I believe we are at this moment in time reflecting on, in the words on the wall of the George Bush Presidential Library in College Station, "Let every generation understand the blessings and burdens of freedom. Let them say we stood where duty required us to stand."

Tonight, under the President's leadership, yet again we will stand where duty requires us to stand.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONNER). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DREIER) at 10 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. CON. RES. 95, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-44) on the resolution (H. Res. 151) providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-45) on the resolution (H. Res. 152) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HYDE (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of medical reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legis-

lative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. HONDA) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TIERNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LYNCH, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HONDA, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. DUNCAN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 628. An Act to require the construction at Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial to the crew of the *Columbia* Orbiter; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; and in addition to the Committee on Science for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 38 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Thursday, March 20, 2003, at 10 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for speaker-authorized official travel during the fourth quarter of 2002, pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

AMENDED REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2002

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Karen McCarthy	12/10	12/12	New Zealand		638.00						638.00
	12/13	12/16	Australia		993.00						993.00
	12/17	12/18	Micronesia		180.00						180.00
	12/18	12/19	Marshall Islands		260.00						260.00
Committee total					2,071.00						2,071.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

BILLY TAUZIN, Chairman, Mar. 12, 2003.

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Hon. Ed Whitfield	11/24	11/29	Italy		2,080.00		(3)				2,080.00
	11/29	12/1	Greece		236.00		(3)				236.00
	12/1	12/2	Spain		196.00		(3)				196.00
Hon. Charles F. Bass	12/2	12/4	Germany		210.00		(3)		426.96		636.96
	12/4	12/6	Italy		832.00		(3)				832.00
Hon. Nathan Deal	12/11	12/14	England		1,233.00		(3)				1,233.00
	12/14	12/16	Italy		882.00		(3)				882.00
	12/16	12/17	Switzerland		345.00		(3)				345.00
	12/17	12/18	Netherlands		345.00		(3)				345.00
Hon. Karen McCarthy	12/8	12/12	New Zealand ⁴								
	12/12	12/16	Australia ⁴								
	12/16	12/19	Fed. States of Micronesia ⁴								
Brendan Kelsay, minority staff	10/29	11/2	China (PRC)		1,239.00		5,664.50				6,903.50
Kelly Cole Zerzan, majority staff	10/29	11/2	China (PRC)		1,239.00		5,664.50				6,903.50
Hon. Clifford Stearns	12/2	12/4	Germany		428.00	6,791.78	6,728.54				7,156.54
	12/4	12/7	Italy		552.00		215.38		479.27		1,247.65
Ramsen Betfarhad, staff	12/2	12/4	Germany		428.00		1,505.91				1,933.91
	12/4	12/7	Italy		1,248.00						1,248.00
Hon. Rick Boucher	12/2	12/4	Germany		428.00						428.00
Hon. John Shimkus	11/22	11/24	Lithuania				4,846.61				4,846.61
	11/15	11/20	Turkey		1,357.00						1,357.00
	11/20	11/22	Italy		840.00						840.00
Committee total					14,118.00		24,625.44		906.23		39,649.67

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² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Military air transportation.

⁴ To be requested next quarter. Attachment to follow.

BILLY TAUZIN, Chairman, Mar. 12, 2003.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1212. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Switzerland for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 03-08), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

1213. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Thailand for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 03-09), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

1214. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the "2003 International Narcotics Control Strategy Report," pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2291(b)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

1215. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Russia and Kazakhstan [Transmittal No. DTC 022-03], pursuant to 22 U.S.C.

2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

1216. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Russia, Ukraine and Norway [Transmittal No. DTC 023-03], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

1217. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Japan [Transmittal No. DTC 024-03], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

1218. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report in consistent with section 3(b) of the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107-243); (H. Doc. No. 108—50); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

1219. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, adopted by the Senate of the United States on April 24, 1997, in accordance with Condition 9; to the Committee on International Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 151. Resolution providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013 (Rept. 108—44). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 152. Resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (Rept. 108—45). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. GRAVES, Ms. WATSON, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA):

H.R. 1345. A bill to provide compensation to members of the reserve components who